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1. SUMMARY - INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES DECEMBER 12 CARRIED HONG KONG CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT QUOTING ROBERT MCCLOSKEY TELLING HONG KONG FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CLUB VIA SATELLITE U.S. WILL NOT DE-ESCALATE ROC DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS EVEN AFTER PRC NORMALIZATION. SAID AMBASSADOR UNGER'S APPOINTMENT EVIDENCED U.S. INTEREST CONTINUING ROC RELATIONS. LEADING UNITED DAILY NEWS CARRIED WASHINGTON INTERVIEW WITH SENATOR FONG QUOTING HIM URGING MAINTENANCE STATUS QUO AND WARNING PRC RECOGNITION WOULD DRAG U.S. INTO ANOTHER WAR. END SUMMARY.

2. INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES (280,000) DECEMBER 12 CARRIED HONG KONG CORRESPONDENT PAN CHENG-LIANG'S REPORT QUOTING ROBERT MCCLOSKEY WASHINGTON TELLING HONG KONG FOREIGN UNCLASSIFIED

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CORRESPONDENTS CLUB VIA SATELLITE U.S. WILL NOT DE-

ESCALATE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ROC EVEN AFTER
NORMALIZATION PRC RELATIONS. MCCLOSKEY REPORTED SAYING
UNGER APPOINTMENT ATTESTED U.S. INTEREST FURTHER
DEVELOPING U.S.- ROC RELATIONS; U.S. POLICY BASED SHANGHAI
COMMUNIQUE PRINCIPLE THAT CHINA PROBLEM SHOULD BE SOLVED
BY CHINESE.

3. LEADING UNITED DAILY NEWS (320,000) CARRIED WASHINGTON
CORRESPONDENT COMET SHIH'S INTERVIEW SENATOR FONG
QUOTING SENATOR SAYING HE WROTE PRESIDENT FORD, SECRETARY
KISSINGER, 99 SENATORS AND OTHER URGING MAINTENANCE OF
U.S. POLICY TOWARD ROC PRESENT LEVEL -- I.E. CONTINUING
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS -- AND WARNING AGAINST U.S.
RECOGNITION PRC WHICH WOULD DRAG U.S. INTO ANOTHER WAR.
FONG QUOTED SAYING IF U.S. WANTS FAR EAST PEACE
HAD BETTER NOT MAKE DIPLOMATIC MOVES NOW. SHOULD
MAINTAIN STATUS QUO AND COMMITMENTS TO ROC WHILE,
SAME TIME, CONTINUING EXCHANGES WITH PEKING. SAW NO
SPECIAL MISSION RELATED SENATOR MANSFIELD'S PEKING
VISIT. SAID HE HOPED MEET PRESIDENT FORD, SECRETARY
KISSINGER NEAR FUTURE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS, PARTICULARLY
ON CHINA. SENATOR QUOTED SAYING HE WILL WRITE FORMAL
REPORT ON HIS FAR EASTERN OBSERVATIONS FOR GOVERNMENT,
ACADEMIC REFERENCE; HE INCREASINGLY FEELS IMPORTANCE
FAR EAST TO U.S. INTERESTS; HOPES U.S. FOREIGN, DEFENSE
AFFAIRS WILL NOT BE STRATEGICALLY CENTERED ON EUROPE.
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